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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-171

Date 21 January 1963

TO : Deputy Director/Plans

25X1 SUBJECT : [redacted] Conference, 28-29 January 1963

REFERENCE:

1. This will confirm the comments which the DCI made at this morning's meeting on what he expects to be done at the [redacted] Conference. 25X1

2. The primary purpose of the Conference is to analyze how the Agency is organized and equipped to obtain information on Communist aggression directed through Cuba against the integrity of the Western Hemisphere. It should be our objective to obtain specific, documented evidence of Communist aggression that can be the basis for OAS or UN action. The Conference should devote attention to how we can improve our capability to obtain hard intelligence on the inter-relationship of the Communist parties in Latin America and the direct links with Moscow through Havana. An example of the type of action which we wish to identify and pin squarely on the Communists through concrete, hard evidence is the direction from Havana to the Venezuelan Communists to sabotage the oil pipe lines. The supplying of arms to Latin American Communists is also considered to be an indication of provocation and aggression. Training operations by the Cubans or Russians of Latin American Communists is also important. The distribution of manuals and bulletins is not considered as provocative as direct orders for action, particularly sabotage and subversion.

3. The Conference should be directed toward clearly indicating to all stations exactly what assets are available to the Agency and also what can be obtained. It should be directed toward designing steps to more

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promptly get this information, return it to Washington on a priority basis where it will be distributed as a matter of foremost importance.

25X1 4. Naturally the [redacted] report is related to this subject, and will be a matter for discussion at the Conference.

5. The DCI has requested that a questionnaire be sent to the stations today amplifying the previous order which you dispatched.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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